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# Ho-Chunk Nation and Money Centers of America Stipulate to a Judgment in Favor of the Nation for \$5 Million Dollars



Submitted by Sheila Corbine

On June 17, 2010 the Ho-Chunk Nation filed a complaint against Money Centers of America (MCA) for money damage in the amount of \$9,206,689. These damages were based upon breach of contract claims that the Nation alleged against Money Centers of America, who was the Nation's cash access vendor from approximately June 2008 through to August 2009. This case is related partially in content to the criminal cases involving Tim Whiteagle and Clarence Pettibone. Those cases were federal criminal cases. The Nation's case against MCA is a civil case alleging damages and is only related to the criminal case by some of the facts asserted in both cases, but the Nation's case is directed purely at MCA for money the Nation feels it is entitled to due to the behavior, including breach of contract, of the vendor, MCA.

The original MCA contract was a Financial Services Agreement (FSA) with the option to enter into

additional services called the License, Implementation and Support Agreement (LISA). In its case against MCA, the Nation alleged that these were two (2) separate agreements. The FSA was signed by the Ho-Chunk Nation President at the time while the LISA was signed by the then Business Director. It is standard law that the Nation's contracts are not valid unless signed by the Vice President or if delegated, to the President. As part of the Agreement(s), the FSA and the LISA, the Nation made up-front payments totaling in excess of \$4,186,792.03 in the Summer of 2008.

On August 17, 2009, the President formally terminated the contract because, among other things, MCA had failed to cure the breach after receiving notice of it. A provision in the contract allowed MCA to use the Nation's vault cash in the casinos in multiples of \$1000. The cash was to be used by MCA for cash to fill the ATM's, facilitate check cashing, credit/debit card advances and other cash access services. In turn, MCA was to reconcile and electronically transfer funds to the Nation in settlement of any vault cash advances. At the time the Nation formally terminated the Contract, the unsettled/unreimbursed vault cash advances totaled an amount in excess of \$5,019,897. The Nation repeatedly demanded the return of the vault cash and MCA's refusal to return the payment became part of the Nation's complaint to the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court.

The Nation also alleged as part of its breach of contract claim that MCA violated the provision of the contract wherein "MCA agrees that it will not interfere with, or attempt to influence, the internal affairs or governmental decisions of HCN." The

convictions and pleas from the federal criminal case were submitted as documentation on this claim.

After the Nation filed their complaint in 2010, MCA filed a counterclaim alleging damages and loss to business totaling somewhere around \$25 million dollars. Some of the allegations in MCA's counterclaim raised concerns about the way the Nation terminated their contract and they alleged that in doing so the Nation also breached the contract.

An initial court hearing to set dates for various procedures that are common in most civil court cases occurred after the initial filings. After a lengthy period of discovery, the Nation and MCA submitted various motions to the Court on various issues of law, the outcome of which could prompt settlement, could change the amount of damages etc.

The Nation and MCA both submitted cross motions for Summary Judgment in the Spring of 2013. A motion for Summary Judgment is a request to the Court to issue a judgment on the case since there are no material issues of fact in dispute and that, in this case, the Nation or MCA was entitled to a judgment as a matter of law. This motion was denied for both parties. The Court held that although there was no issue as to material fact it could not find that judgment for either party was due as a matter of law. The Court found based on testimony and deposition testimony presented that the LISA was a valid contract and binding on the Nation. This ruling was a setback for the Nation's case and the claim for the breach of contract involving an amount of slightly over \$4million. MCA's cross motion for Summary Judgment was also denied. The Court found the remaining issues would be heard in

an evidentiary trial.

During this past Summer, prior to scheduling the evidentiary hearing, the parties went to a Mediation. The Mediator was a former judge and was familiar with some of the issues in this case because he had previously done a mediation between MCA and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for issues dealing with their contract. (The Mille Lacs case is still in progress). No settlement was made during the mediation but the Nation obtained information which allowed them to reconfigure the counterclaim damages against the Nation which would then be an issue to be discussed at trial. The Mediator's assessment of the Nation's case was not entirely optimistic considering the Trial Court's earlier order denying the Nation's Motion for Summary Judgment. The mediation gave the Nation some concerns about heading into trial, but part of a mediators job is to point out the weaker parts of the each parties cases.

In August of 2013, the Nation filed a motion, one of several, to dismiss MCA's counterclaim based on the lack of a waiver of sovereign immunity. Hearings were held on the many procedural motions and the motion to dismiss on August 27, 2013. On September 6, 2013, just days before the evidentiary trial was to begin (the trial was scheduled for the entire week of September 9-13) the Court issued an order granting the Nation's motion to dismiss MCA's counterclaim. The Court found that although the contract contained a limited waiver of the Nation's sovereign immunity, the Nation did not expressly waive sovereign immunity (usually done by resolution) pursuant to the Constitution.

The September 6th order prompted MCA to propose

to the Nation a stipulated judgment. The proposal indicated that MCA would allow the court to enter a judgment against MCA and for the Nation in the amount of \$5million minus some outstanding fees (slightly over \$200,000) that were still owing to MCA by the Nation. It was discussed among the parties that once the stipulated judgment was accepted and entered by the Trial Court that MCA would be free to appeal the order dismissing the counterclaim to the Supreme Court and the Nation would be able to appeal any orders to the Supreme Court as well. In the event that the Supreme Court would overturn the trial court orders, those specific issues, and damages would be the subject of trial at the Trial Court level. In the event the Supreme Court upholds the Trial Court orders then the Nation has a judgment against MCA for \$5 million and can then begin collection efforts.

The Nation determined that the stipulation saves the cost of a trial and provides a judgment. The Nation is in no worse a position by accepting the stipulation and in fact is able to appeal any judgments that may have hurt the Nation's case for

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# Holding the Line

The Ho-Chunk Nation will not open the door for other tribes to game in their traditional homelands or gaming markets. In 2012, President Greendeer personally took that message to the leaders of the Bad River, St. Croix, and Menominee tribe. As well, former Vice-President Blackdeer delivered the message to Lac du Flambeau (LDF). “This is an uncompromising, hardline position” says President Greendeer. “It’s more than just ink on paper. It’s a charge to us

[officials] to protect our interests by any means.” Recently, the BIA approved the Menominee tribe’s Kenosha trust application for gaming raising questions as to what criteria they are now using to approve gaming sites. The conditions that led to the original denial of the Kenosha Project in 2009 have not changed. “This is dangerous because the Bureau is willfully redefining ‘Ho-Chunk Country’ at the stroke of their pen by supporting the incursion of other

tribes on Ho-Chunk land” said President Greendeer who is looking down the road to future applications. This particular deal now rests with Governor Walker who set his criteria for negotiating “new” sites in their tribal compacts.

- There must be consensus within the local and surrounding community of the proposed project
- There must be consensus of all 11 tribes in the state of Wisconsin
- The project must not lead to a major net expansion of gaming in Wisconsin

In January of 2008, the BIA ceased the processing of all off-reservation gaming applications beyond 40 miles of their respective tribes. This stopped the northern tribes’ prospects to game in Ho-Chunk Country right in their tracks. The BIA’s position changed when this memo was rescinded in June of 2011 and the projects resumed however during the suspension, the Ho-Chunk Nation took decisive action and purchased the property of the proposed site in Beloit where the Bad River and St. Croix tribes sought to build their collaborative gaming site.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature laid out the Nation’s set of criteria in Resolution 07-17-12L:

- The Nation does not support off-reservation gaming by other tribes on lands where in the Nation has historical or aboriginal connection; and

- Off-reservation gaming by any other tribes should not be conducted on land that is in close proximity (within 60 miles) to another Ho-Chunk Nation gaming facility so as to cause a detrimental impact on the Nation, unless the Nation consents to it.

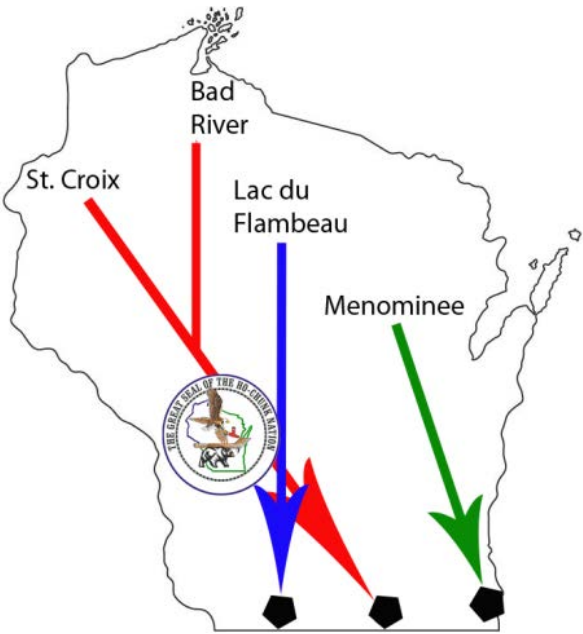
The Forest County Potawatomi is aggressively opposing the Kenosha project and the Ho-Chunk Nation will not consent to any tribe seeking to game on their homelands making any hopes of getting to the table with the Governor unlikely.

With regards to the Nation’s Beloit site, the President feels the “heavy lifting” has already been done between Ho-Chunk Nation and the State and who have the Nation’s fourth site already enumerated within their compact albeit the location. The Nation’s proposed gaming site is distinct from the others because it is governed by the compact,

not the current stipulations of the Governor. The compact outlines, “[the] Governor shall meet and negotiate in good faith whether the site may be enumerated as a fourth location.”

The Ho-Chunk Nation will continue to oppose gaming developments by other tribes in Ho-Chunk Country and hopefully restore that sense of respect for our homelands once held by previous generations of northern tribal governments. The President concluded, “I never thought we’d have to put something on paper much less enter a contentious issue with other tribes. Their intention was to game in Ho-Chunk Country and it was made years ago without any consideration of what we thought then. Now we are asked?” Greendeer says he and Legislators are aligned on a firm position against the incursion of any tribe and will protect our interests at any length.

*The President’s Office*



# Leave the Witch Hunt for Salem

On September 28, the people of the Ho-Chunk Nation will assemble to breathe life through our voices into our fourth branch of government, the General Council. Our Constitution allows each Ho-Chunk voter the absolute right to weigh in on the agenda and decisions of our great Nation. This year’s event also serves as a homecoming to our Ho-Chunk family. As we prepare and approach this historic event, I feel it is important to remember the significant accomplishments our Nation has made without the ugliness and back peddling caused by removal petitions in the last several years.

The growth of our Nation lies in our ability to rise above the same voices attacking those that chose to lead our Nation through effective leadership at a cost to our Nation that literally takes the food from our children’s mouths and the roofs over their heads. Our leaders have chosen this path and their efforts are to be commended. By taking this high road, we have willed our elected officials to do their jobs, to work together, and most importantly, put personal agendas aside. In other words, we have effectively made our imperfect government more accountable in the day-to-day affairs it has with the other branches of government, saved tens of thousands of dollars in the actual costs of removals, challenges and elections, and have saved our valuable time,

assembled in the thousands, to address the business of the Nation.

Think about it – removals make General Council the most inefficient and ineffective branch of government. Have you noticed how many times after a removal effort is concluded, a motion to adjourn almost immediately follows and we leave our business unfinished?

I encourage you to ask your Representative for the facts on the actual cost of a removal. In the business world Managers know that there is a cost to turnover. We all can understand that there are intrinsic costs involved in hiring and training someone for a job. We can understand that there is a learning curve for the new hire (we all been one at some point, right?) and the organization must wait for that person to develop an understanding of the organization’s culture. Well-informed business professionals know that it usually takes 18 months or more for a new hire to learn these and many other informal job related skills. After that learning has been accomplished then a new candidate is able to make a positive impact for that organization.

When that person is let go, the hiring and training process must be repeated, and the organization loses momentum waiting for a new person to be found for

any replacements. Each of us is a Tribal Stakeholder in our various enterprises. As a Tribal Stakeholder, are you willing to bear this cost and liability?

We applaud the effort now underway for our Nation to employ more of its Tribal Members. It is also important to get the right people, with the requisite experience, in the right roles the first time. As General Council members – who are Stakeholders and Share Holders in our Nation – we must demand outstanding performance. We all play a role in this transformation. Our individual performance matters. Remember that.

I am not writing to protect any person in office, but to help bring perspective to this topic. We are not the Hatfields and McCoys - we are one family: the great Ho-Chunk Nation. Our traditional law is to love one another and our ability to do so will continue to make us prosper. Do we want to be remembered as an organization that thrived, prospered, and loved our family; or do we want to be remembered as a house divided that never prospered by our noble actions? If propositioned to break this law, either individually or in numbers, I simply ask you to remember who you are.

Most Respectfully,  
Stewart J. Miller, MSPM

# Punctuality breeds credibility

There are two kinds of people: Those who show up late and those who don’t!

It’s very important to respect people you deal with, being late is disrespectful, you are inconveniencing others. I suspect that some people are late because they don’t want to be the person waiting. It is certainly reasonable to assume that someone may not be acting with consideration or thoughtfulness of the impact that their lateness has on others.

It could also be a control thing, making people wait for you.

There is one simple reason why people are late. The reason is because they believe their time is more precious than your time. It’s not because they are disorganized, have bad time management skills, or are stupid. Someone who is late is selfish, and

believes they are more important than you. There is no other explanation. If you want to be on time, you will be on time!

In every professional environment, punctuality is the key to success and shows not only credibility, but desire to succeed, professionalism and responsibility.

Being chronically late at the General Counsel when we have to meet quorum has become somewhat of an epidemic. It screams of selfishness, self absorption and complete disregard for those you inconvenience when you are late.

So in concluding, I have one question, with General Council just around the corner are you going to be the one waiting or the one they’re waiting for?

With promptitude,  
Dave Radtke

# Stipulate to a Judgment

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collecting some of the breach of contract claims. The Trial Court order denying the Nation’s motion for Summary Judgment provided the Nation with some uncertainty as to the ability to get a judgment on the breach of contract claims surrounding the LISA which totaled just over \$4 million dollars. Court trials can be unpredictable and there is/was always the chance that the Nation could have ended up with a judgment of less than \$5 million. The Stipulated order provided a little more certainty but of course this all depends on the Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court should any party file an appeal during the thirty (30) day appeal period.

On September 9, 2013, the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court accepted the parties stipulated judgment and judgment against MCA in the amount of \$5 million was entered for the Nation. The appeal period is now running and will expire thirty days from September 9, 2013.

(All filings by either party and any orders entered are all available at the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court for Case No. CV 10-54, Ho-Chunk Nation v. Money Centers of America, Inc. and MCA of Wisconsin, Inc.)

Mid-term Accomplishments

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*“We are Ho-Chunk people here to serve Ho-Chunk people with our best efforts. Together, we overcome our greatest challenges. I am thankful for the privilege to serve and glad to stand witness to great successes for our Nation that will last for generations.”*

*Maasysga (Jon Greendeer)*  
President of the Ho-Chunk Nation

### Fulfilling Our Promises to The People

- Increased Ho-Chunk Employment
- Increased Revenue
- Paid Off Nation’s Loans
- Instituted Long-Term Debt Policy
- Completed Agreements for HCG-Beloit
- Expanding Wazee Treatment Facility
- Delivering the Dist. 1 Community Ctr.
- Opened Green Bay Branch Office
- Instituted Financial Accountability Controls
- Continuing the Protection of Our Gaming Markets
- Opening a BRF Dental Training Facility
- Expanded Hours at the House of Wellness
- Bringing Needed Housing to Wittenberg
- Reinvested in Our Own Existing Facilities
- Rolled Out the Mobile Health Clinic
- Opened New Branch Office Site in Mpls./St.Paul
- Launched Text Alert and Livestream Service
- Launched Tribal/County Crisis Intervention Program



# Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa sponsors Kolor For Kids Fun Fest

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, Senior Manager-Public Relations-HCG-Nekoosa/Wittenberg

There were over 900 people that participated in the 2nd Annual Kolor For Kids Fun Fest 5K Run/Walk at the Grand Rapids Lion Club

in Wisconsin Rapids, WI on Saturday, August 24th, 2013. The event benefited the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. This year the number of participants nearly doubled from 459 participants last year to 900 this year.

Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa was a proud Grand



Finale Kolor Throw Sponsor at this year's event. Staff from Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa threw yellow color at the last color checkpoint of the 5K race as well as participated in the race. The

planners of the event were hoping to raise \$20,000-26,000 for the Children's Miracle Network. The money raised helps local residents in 17 counties including: Adams, Ashland, Bayfield, Clark,

Forest, Gogebic (UP), Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Price, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas and Wood County. Funds raised are distributed within these counties.

## Shape up for hunting season!

Kathleen Clemons, MS, RCEP, CDE

It is hard to believe but hunting season is just a couple months away. In past seasons have you ever thought, "Next year I'll get in better shape?" Well, that year is here! In this article I will give you information on getting started as it is important to be in shape for hunting (and all year round!). Every year people suffer from heart attacks while hunting, mostly from vigorous activity that the body is not ready for. The Hunter Fitness Program I have put together progresses from light / moderate to some vigorous exercise in month two and beyond. ***It is always important to check with your doctor before starting this or any fitness program and make sure it is safe to do so, especially with vigorous exercise.*** The risk for complications increases with higher intensity activity but the more you work out, the lower your risk becomes as you improve your fitness. Always work at your own pace and don't do an exercise if it hurts you.

In the plan, you will be doing cardiovascular exercise and strength training (you can also add stretching if you like. Below are the guidelines:

**Cardiovascular exercise:** This includes activities such as walking, hiking, biking,

swimming, rowing, running, etc. While activities like biking and swimming are good for you, the best way to train for hunting will be with walking, hiking and then progressing to pack walks and hikes. For this component, you will do activity 3 to 5 times a week, 30-45 minutes a session. Use multiple small bouts if you feel 30 minutes all at once is too much. For example, three 10 minute walks or two 15 minute walks. Start at talk test intensity - this means you should be able to talk while doing your activity but it should not be so easy you can sing a song. You should noticeably feel an increase in heart rate and breathing but you do not need to gasp for air. Heart rate zones will be discussed in the next issue.

**Strength training:** This should be done 2 to 3 times a week on non-consecutive days. Choose a weight that is comfortably challenging, not one that you are turning red and blue to lift. If you lose your form when completing an exercise, it is too heavy. It is always good to start with a lower weight and work up versus starting too heavy and not being able to move the next day. Start with one set of 10-15 repetitions and work up to 2 or 3 sets. Contact me at the number below for a program.

I will be doing a series of Hunter Fitness classes in the Black River Falls area starting in October. They will start October 2<sup>nd</sup> and go through November 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesdays, 5 to 5:45 pm. Workouts will be done around the Executive Building area and in the fitness room. Contact me if interested, a couple forms need to be filled out prior to starting.

Log your activity on a calendar to note your progress. Also mark how you feel as you start working out and then progress to better fitness. If you have any questions, contact me at 888-685-4422, ext 5308.

***Please note that the Ho-Chunk Nation or its representatives are not responsible for any injuries or complications that may arise from your participation in this program. Participation is strictly voluntary and you assume all risks. Again, check with your provider to make sure exercise is safe for you.***

### How does the Affordable Care Act help American Indians & Alaska Natives?

#### Health Reform Provisions Specific to American Indians and Alaska Natives

There are several provisions in the Affordable Car Act that benefit Native Americans

- **Health Insurance Exchange:** The law creates what is known as marketplace or health insurance exchanges. Through a marketplace, individuals and small businesses can purchase health insurance coverage. This will give consumers the chance to comparison shop and choose an affordable insurance option that is right for them.
- **Eliminates Cost-sharing:** American Indians and Alaska Natives who purchase health insurance through the exchange do not have to pay co-pays or other cost-sharing if their income is under 300 percent of the federal poverty level, which is roughly \$66,000 for a family of four (\$83,000 in Alaska).
- **Medicaid Expansion:** The ACA allows states to expand Medicaid coverage to individuals with income up to 138% of federal poverty level (about \$34,000 for a family of four). This provides more American Indians and Alaska Natives an opportunity for cover while expanding the opportunity for Indian health programs' third-party collections.
- **Reimbursements for Third Parties:** Third party reimbursements from Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and private insurance help HIS fund need health care services. The provisions of the new law that improve reimbursements and strengthen these programs will also benefit Indian health programs.
- **Monthly Enrollment Periods:** The health insurance exchanges must provide a special monthly enrollment periods for American Indians and Alaska Natives.
- **Exemption from the Individual Mandate:** Members of Indian tribes are exempt from penalties for failure to carry minimum health care coverage.

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# Children’s Trust Fund update

Submitted by CTF task force

The Children’s Trust Fund (CTF) Task Force was created by Legislative resolution on August 31, 2010 in order to protect the assets owned by the Ho-Chunk Nation for the benefit of the Minors and Adult Incompetents. The purpose of creating the CTF task force was because the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature found it necessary to update the Minors Trust Agreement in order to update the terms and conditions of the agreement and to improve services to the Nation, its members and families. The CTF task force is made up of representatives from both the Legislative and Executive branches bringing together the expertise needed to tackle the many different issues involved with the Minors Trust Fund.

There were several important reasons why Legislature found that changes were needed.

First, the current Investment Policy Statement needed to be updated. The Investment

Policy Statement for the Trust Fund is a document that guards the Minors’ investments. It spells out how the trust money is to be invested, what types of investments can be included in the Trust, how much of each type of investment can be included, and the responsibilities of each party involved with the Trust. The vast majority of organizations that have investments or trusts update their investment policy statement at least once per year. Some organizations update theirs twice per year or even four times per year. The Nation’s Minors Trust investment policy statement had not been updated since 1998. The entire investment marketplace has faced major difficulties in the last few years and these impacts should have been reflected within the Trust by making changes to the investment policy statement. Members of the CTF task force worked with an outside legal firm that specializes in these issues and created a new investment policy statement that will

provide much more protection to the Minors investments. Legislature approved the new investment policy statement in 2011.

A second reason for making changes was that the same vendor has been supplying all services for the Minor’s Trust Fund. This creates concerns that the proper amount of checks and balances are not in place. The Trust Fund should have a segregation of duties and this is accomplished by having separate roles of trustee, investment manager, financial advisor, and custodian. The trustee is the record keeper for the trust. They handle the paperwork for all of the accounts. The investment manager handles the daily buying and selling of the investments. The financial advisor oversees the trustee, the investment manager, and the custodian and makes sure that they are following the guidelines that the Nation has spelled out in the investment policy statement. The custodian maintains possession of all of the Trust assets including the cash and

the investments. All of these roles will report to the Nation and make suggestions on changes that may be needed.

Beginning in May 2013, minor’s per capita distributions began flowing to the new vendors. The trustee is Providence First Trust Company. The investment manager is Key Bank. The financial advisor is Sovereign Investment Advisors. The custodian is Charles Schwab Trust Company. All vendors were selected by Legislature after a lengthy and very detailed request for proposal process.

A third reason for making changes was to strengthen the Nation’s fiduciary role. A fiduciary role is having a high degree of responsibility to monitor the investments and make decisions on the investments of the Trust Fund. In order to meet this great responsibility, an Investment and Trust Committee Act has been created. The Investment and Trust Committee is made up of seven Tribal members that have experience and education in investing. The

Committee will review not only the Minors’ Trust Fund, but also the other investment portfolios that the Nation maintains. The Committee will provide reports to the Legislature to assist them in their decision making in regards to investments. The Committee will also provide training towards investment certifications for Tribal members to strengthen their knowledge and to possibly create career opportunities for them.

The CTF Task Force has worked very hard to bring these much needed changes forward for Legislative approval. While many positive changes have already been made, there are still many important issues that the Task Force and Legislature will continue to research and work on. Just a few of these issues include addressing concerns related to adult incompetents, education, health, social services, access to funds, taxation, and distribution of funds.

# Response to Membership-Investment into Gaming Facilities

Submitted by David W. Abangan

WE LISTENED TO MEMBERSHIP REQUESTS!

In response to various area meeting motions and customer responses, the Department of Business is taking steps to develop expansion plans and complete feasibility studies for expansions at the gaming facilities. These actions are in preparation to request financing approval from the Legislature in the coming months.

Based on completed studies and financial models, the Business Department believes it can improve operations and derive increased revenue from its gaming properties through the development and construction of certain expansion and capital improvement projects. These projects will enhance the Nation’s gaming product and better meet the needs of

Ho-Chunk Gaming guests. The Business Department is pursuing development of these projects through a multi-phased process and created multiple finance and development teams to finalize the project phasing plan. All workgroup teams consist of knowledgeable employees with diverse expertise in the various necessary fields. Departments included in these teams include: Business Department, Treasury, Department of Justice, Legislature, Office of the President, Gaming Facilities Executive Management and Finance Senior Management.

To begin the evaluation process feasibility studies were conducted at each gaming location to narrow down opportunities at each location, determine market needs, profitability of each addition/amenity and provide an estimate of costs. Finance models were created for

all gaming enterprises and the government to reduce risk, identify cash flows and evaluate each project’s financial strength. These models will help establish the prioritization of the expansions and help ensure the protection of business profits for the continued support of the Nation’s Government. Additionally, facility management input and customer surveys were used to finalize a list of expansion opportunities. Each identified project has been thoroughly analyzed based on need, financial viability, return expectations and competitive development. Treasury and Legislative Branch have implemented a Debt Policy to guide the financing and to support the ongoing responsibility of the Nation to the Members.

Over the past months, a Request For Proposal (RFP) process was conducted to

Expansion Plans by Location
<b>Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phase I - Entertainment Complex, Destination Restaurant, Retail, and Adventure / Water Park</li><li>• Phase II – Under review.</li></ul>
<b>Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phase I – Gaming Floor Expansion, Hotel Expansion, Parking Structure, and RV Park.</li><li>• Phase II - Multi-Purpose Event Complex, Bowling Alley, and Steakhouse</li></ul>
<b>Ho-Chunk Gaming – Nekoosa</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phase I – Hotel and Food and Beverage</li><li>• Phase II – Event Center, Retail, Bingo, and RV Park</li></ul>
<b>Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wittenberg</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phase I – Gaming Floor Expansion, Hotel and Food and Beverage</li><li>• Phase II – Conference Center, Retail, Bingo, and RV Park</li></ul>
<b>Ho-Chunk Gaming – Madison</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phase I &amp; II – Gaming Floor Expansion, Hotel, Food and Beverage, Parking Structure, Convention/entertainment, and Bowling/Arcade.</li></ul>
<b>Ho-Chunk Gaming – Tomah</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phase I - Gaming Floor Expansion and Casual Restaurant</li></ul>

seek additional funding for all expansion projects. A total of 6 financial institutions submitted responses to the RFP. A final selection has not been made at this time. Due to the Nation’s strong financial position we will facilitate excellent terms and structure of the outside funding needed to conduct some of these projects simultaneously.

In August, a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) was issued to architect and design firms across the country. Nineteen responses were received by the deadline. The Department of Business will select one or more architectural firms to begin design and pre-development work. Assistance will also be obtained from an Owners Representative company to assist with overseeing these large projects. Due to the range in complexity of the projects, we anticipate that the architectural work will be completed in 6 to 9 months and project completion in


another 18 – 24 months.

For purposes of financing and project mix evaluation, the expansion projects have been broken down into two phases. Phase I expansion projects will mainly focus on lodging, entertainment, and gaming floor expansions. Phase II expansion project will provide additional focus on retail, dining and RV park amenities. Based on the completed feasibility studies and financial models, the following expansions are currently under review.

(more)

The Department of Business will be providing periodic updates to keep all tribal members informed on the progress of the expansion projects.

Further information will be presented and distributed at the upcoming General Council meeting. Please visit our booth to learn more and receive a gift when asking questions and providing feedback!



## Fall 2013 Absolute Deadline Reminder

In order to be considered for Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education Division funding, a student must submit his/her Ho-Chunk Scholarship Application (HSA) **no later than two (2) weeks** into the academic institution’s term.

For example, if the student’s academic institution’s term began August 26, 2013, the student must submit his/her HSA to the Higher Education Division no later than September 9, 2013.

**Applications received after the Absolute Deadline will not be eligible for scholarship funding for the fall 2013 term. Remember, an HSA is the only required document that must be submitted by the Absolute Deadline.**



# Lori Pettibone is sent to her new job with a few smiles, hugs and tears

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

A person can't work at a job for nearly 13 years and then leave without some sparks of nostalgia.

That someone can't leave a job, after working that many years, without making a few co-workers sad. And she certainly couldn't leave without a farewell party.

Lori Pettibone found that out on Tuesday, Aug. 27, having worked at the Black River Falls Youth Center for nearly 13 years, mostly as



**Lori Pettibone wipes away tears after receiving a warm and overwhelming ovation from children, staff, family and friends as she entered the District One Community Center.**

director of the center. She left her job because she had been recently elected to a Legislator position.

First, Lori was sent on a scavenger hunt throughout Black River Falls, Hatfield and Pray, and then arrived back at District One Community Center to a climactic "Surprise!" with children surrounding her to give her big hugs and big smiles.

"We talked about it a week before," said Sara Dobbs, Lori's co-worker and one of the organizers of the party. "We were all kind of on the same page that we would. For the extent that she had been at youth services, we knew we had to do something like this."

Sara, Lisa Flick and Shelley Thundercloud worked on organizing the party. They ordered a plaque with an appliqué design around the edge.

"We invited all the kids from the youth centers because they all knew her," Sara said.

When one person suggested getting her a bouquet of flowers, another suggested a scavenger hunt in which she would receive a rose at each of the stops.

"We all chimed in,

suggesting send her to different people and places has had an influence of her career, such as people she has worked with and places she has been a part of," Sara said. "We made riddles for each one."

Difficult to know how to plan, because they didn't know her schedule, if she planned to come in and at what time, Sara said.

"I talked to her the day before. I asked her if she planned to come in the next day," Sara said. "She told me, 'I think they are planning something for me.' I said, 'What? We totally don't have time for that.'"

Lori did agree to the scavenger hunt the next day, but she had no idea a surprise party was waiting for her at the end of the line.

Each of the stops of the scavenger hunt was to see employees and former employees she had worked with, Sara said. They were good about working together and cell phones were the key to success, giving updates where she was in the process.

"Once she left the Community Center to go on the scavenger hunt, then they could get going on the surprise party," Sara said. "The disc jockey had to set



**There were plenty of hugs and smiles from the children who were waiting for Lori to arrive to her surprise going-away party.**

up, food had to be made, and decorations had to be put up."

Lori was given clues at each of the stops, telling her where to go next. Also, at each stop, she received a rose. At the end, she had a dozen roses in four different colors.

When Lori completed her rounds on the scavenger hunt, she returned to the Community Center.

"I thought that maybe family and staff might be present when I got back. I kept looking at what vehicles were parked there," Lori said. "But I had no idea all those children would be there. When I opened the door saw

their faces, I started to cry."

All the children shouted "Surprise" and rushed to her and gave her hugs. Children from Black River Falls, Tomah, Madison, and Wisconsin Dells were present.

"I had been there so long, the children would call me mom and Gaga," she said. "I had seen the children grow up and have children of their own, who now are coming to the center. I'm on the second generation."

"It's been a difficult adjustment, leaving all those children, but one I know I must do," she said.

# Tricia Zunker is elected as Ho-Chunk Nations Associate Justice

Sherman Funmaker  
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nations newly elected Supreme Court Associate Justice explains that she just knew that she had to go to school growing up and knew the importance of school at a young age. Her parents didn't really talk about school that much.

"They were young and it was a struggle for them but I knew that education was an important part of my future. It was instilled in me early on. I knew I had to do my best in school," Tricia said.

She knew she had to go to college but she hadn't decided what field to go into or what school to attend.

Her friends told her she was smart enough to go to the University of Wisconsin so after she applied and got accepted she was off to Madison.

With the help of some grants and the Education Department of the Ho-Chunk Nation she was able to attend classes where she ended up graduating from the University of Wisconsin in Madison where she triple-majored in French, Political Science and International Relations. She also earned a Certificate in European Studies.

She was also a member of the Dean's List, Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, Golden Key National Honor Society, the National

Society of Collegiate Scholars and the Wunk Sheek Native American Organization.

She explained that she loved learning and would have gotten even a fourth major but decided that for now three was enough. She explains that she is constantly learning and has a desire to learn all that she can about as much as she can.

After her stay in Madison Ms. Zunker attended UCLA School of Law where she graduated with a Law Degree in 2006.

"It was a really good school and a really good Indian Law program so that is where I decided to go"

While at UCLA, she participated in several Moot Court competitions, including representing UCLA nationally in the NNALSA competition. She was also a member of the Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs.

During both undergraduate and law school, Ms. Zunker studied in Paris, including studying international law and business transactions during law school, she said that she has always been drawn to the law.

She was asked about her many travels and what was the appeal of coming back home to work for the Nation.

"It may sound like a cliché but I want to be able to give back to the Nation. After working as a professor, a lawyer and a Dean of

Faculty I have gained a lot of experience that I can bring back to the Nation. There are changes that I want to do while here. I want to do it on a respectable and responsible timeline but there are things that we can improve on. This position is so ideal because as the saying goes, you can't have your cake and eat it to, but I feel like I can because I still have my work in California and am able to come back and do this position, see my family so I feel like I have it all." Tricia added.

Speaking of California she has worked as an attorney at several large law firms in Los Angeles prior to starting her own practice. Her "big law" experience includes: antitrust litigation, breach of contract claims, copyright infringement, white-collar criminal defense and class action lawsuits.

Since starting her own practice, Ms. Zunker represents clients in a variety of matters including: entertainment law, civil litigation, American Indian law/tribal legal development, family law, criminal defense and mediation. In addition to representation, she also provides tribal legal consulting.

Further, she has also worked in the entertainment industry and combines that knowledge with her legal knowledge for effective counsel.

Ms. Zunker has a combined decade of experience as a professor at three different law schools and universities. Between these schools, she has taught a variety of subjects, including: Constitutional Law, Business Law, Criminal Law, Contracts, Torts, Evidence, and Advanced Legal Research and Writing. Stemming from her own background, she has a special interest in working with non-traditional students and First Generation College graduates.

She is a published academic, currently researching for an article regarding preservation of tribal sovereignty. Originally from Wisconsin, she is an enrolled member of Ho-Chunk Nation.

Tricia is also a member of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California



**Supreme Court Associate Justice Tricia Zunker**

Women in Film  
Screen Actors Guild-  
American Federation of  
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(SAG-AFTRA)  
Tricia's is the granddaughter of Mary Rockman Stone. Her father was Timothy Radke and her great-grandparents were Grover Rockman and Betsy WhiteEagle Rockman.


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# Learning on the job: the 2013 Ho-Chunk Summer Interns

Submitted by Marcus F. Lewis, Higher Education Division Manager

The Ho-Chunk Nation Summer Internship Program recently completed its second successful year. The 2013 intern class consisted of seven outstanding Ho-Chunk, college students from a variety of backgrounds. The interns began their journey on June 3 and completed their summer experiences on August 23. They were placed all throughout Ho-Chunk country, in both government and business settings, including: Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls, Wisconsin Dells, and Madison, as well as the Departments of Health, Education, Administration, and the Office of the

President.

There are two primary goals of the internship program. The first goal is to give Ho-Chunk, college students the opportunity to gain relevant work experience in his/her field of study. The second goal is that the internship program serves as a recruitment tool for educated, future employees of the Nation.

This year, the Education Department wanted the interns to be cohort-based, which means that we wanted to bring the group closer together through shared experiences throughout the summer. The interns' summer began with a two-day orientation in Black River Falls that focused



(l-r) Front row: Rosalind Cleveland, Alexandria Lange, Christopher Owen, and Vanverd Dick III. Back row: Forrest Funmaker, Dakota Walton-Smith, and Dashell Thunder.



(l-r) Rosalind Cleveland and an intense Christopher Owen during a professional development workshop.



(l-r) Forrest Funmaker, Dakota Walton-Smith, Alexandria Lange, and Dashell Thunder working in pairs on their presentations.

upon Ho-Chunk history, culture, language, and our modern government. Our interns come from a variety of backgrounds and we thought it important to include cultural elements into our programming, especially at the outset.

Gordon Thunder provided language instruction to the interns and served as an important cultural presence during our group activities throughout the summer. During the interns' two-day orientation, Richard Mann presented to the interns about the Ho-Chunk way of life, Woodrow White spoke about indigenous horticulture, and JoAnn Jones discussed the long journey that led to the current Ho-Chunk Constitution. The orientation provided an important opportunity to learn about our Ho-Chunk language and culture, which was a new experience for some of the interns. "I learned a lot of stuff about the Ho-Chunk Nation culturally (that) I didn't know. That was an added benefit and I see myself being much more involved with the tribe and our people in the future," said intern Christopher Owen (UW-Oshkosh).

Halfway through the summer, the Education Department held a two-day professional development training for the interns. The workshops took place at Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells under the tutelage of the facility's Training and Development Director, Calvin Whiteagle. Mr. Whiteagle and his staff discussed a variety of topics with our interns ranging from résumé writing, to interview skills, to professional communication, to appropriate dining etiquette. Also, Occupational Health and Safety Officer, Jeff Skinner, provided a presentation for the interns that focused upon the dangers of violence in the workplace and appropriate ways to prevent/respond to those situations.

Throughout the summer, the interns were placed into real work situations that afforded them practical work experience that they can use in the future. "For my education, I wanted to better my marketing experience and get a taste of what the real work is like, so I can better prepare for a job. That leads in to my professional goals where I want to know how to function

in an everyday office," said intern Dakota Walton-Smith (Chippewa Valley Technical College). "The internship has (gone) beyond that for my educational goals and allowed me to get a more direct marketing major that I can focus on."

On August 16, the Education Department hosted a recognition luncheon to honor the interns and their accomplishments throughout the summer. Their site supervisors discussed the work that the interns had done and praised their efforts. In addition, each intern gave a brief speech, which provided an overview of their summer experiences. At the end of each presentation, the interns were given gifts in honor of their achievements.

The Education Department is currently gathering and compiling feedback from both the interns and their site supervisors. However, we have already begun planning for the 2014 Summer Internship Program and expect the details to be out in January 2014. We extend our sincere congratulations to all the 2013 Summer Interns on a job well done and we wish them the best of luck as they return to school this fall.

## HCG Wittenberg Sponsors MAST Golf Tournament

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, Senior Manager-Public Relations Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg/Nekoosa

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg sponsored the MAST (Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes) Golf Tournament held at the Pine Hills Golf Course in Gresham, WI on Friday,

August 30, 2013. Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg was a Hole Sponsor and had a golf team in the event.

MAST was founded in 1996; it works to represent 35 tribes located in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Michigan. There are 134,000 Native Americans represented

by this entity. Their mission statement is to advance, protect, preserve, and enhance the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty, and cultural way of life of the sovereign nations of the Midwest throughout the 21st Century.





# Ho-Chunk firefighters battle Western blazes

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

Several Ho-Chunk employees and members have given their service in battling out-of-control wild fires in the western United States.

Paul Youngthunder, of the Ho-Chunk DNR, joined the “WIC 5” crew and assisted in the Miner Paradise Complex in Montana from August 23 through September 9, along with tribal member Murt Greengrass.

Lance Blackdeer, also of the Ho-Chunk DNR, joined the “WIC 4” crew and was assigned to Eureka Complex in Montana from August 16 through September 2.

Ho-Chunk DNR employees Gordon Robertson and Russell Hunter joined the “WIC 2” crew and were assigned to Douglas Complex in Oregon on August 15, and they were reassigned to the Millville fire in Utah from August 2 through August 23.

“Twenty one days is a long time to be away from your family – especially the younger ones,” Robertson said. “Wildland firefighting is also a very hazardous duty, brought into the spotlight with this year’s tragedy of the Granite Mountain 19.”

Contrasting these dangers is the camaraderie of a handcrew, experiencing some of the most rugged parts of America, and serving communities to tame their ‘wild’ fires, Robertson said.

“This past detail, the Wisconsin Crew #2 drove to Southwest Oregon to a complex of three fires, working with Oregon State DNR and National Guard helicopters,” Robertson said. “We then were reassigned

to Northeast Utah and worked with the State Guard and DNR, Forest Service, and a Navajo Scouts firecrew.

“We camped out on a mountain with helicopter deliveries of MREs (meals-ready-to-eat) and sandwiches for a few days in hot, dry conditions. It can be grueling,” Robertson said. “The days are long, 16 hours, steep terrain, spiders, bees and snakes - all bite - and poison oak stings. But the positive attitude of firefighters and working to help communities put their wildfires to sleep make it a very rewarding experience.”



# Supreme Court upholds Waukau, Greendeer lower court decision

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Supreme Court upheld a lower court’s ruling concerning a challenge to the Ho-Chunk Nation election Board by Kim Waukau and James Greendeer.

Waukau and Greendeer contended that the June 4 election was not proper because the Tomah polling site was changed without proper notification.

In written decision by Associate Justice Todd Matha, filed on August 30, stating that Waukau and Greendeer had not provided sufficient proof that the outcome would have been different if the polling site had not been changed.

On July 2, Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Judge Amanda Rockman denied a challenge to the June 4 General Election, stating that “clear and convincing evidence” was not provided that the election outcome would have been different, if rules have been followed. The trial was held on July 1.

Waukau and Greendeer contending the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board was neglectful in changing the location of the Tomah polling place without proper notification to the voting public.

According to Ho-Chunk Nation Trail Court documents and testimony, the Tomah polling place for the June 4 election, the Tribal Aging Unit (TAU), was closed on that day because no water was available, making restrooms unavailable. Therefore, the polling place was changed to the Housing Department in the Veterans Administration Building in Tomah.

However, according to witnesses, no signs were posted at the TAU of the change.

With the recent decision by the Ho-Chunk Supreme Court, Matha wrote: “The Trial Court reviewed the statement signed by the eight people and noted that none of the individuals appeared at the trial. The Court stated that the

Appellant Waukau did not seek subpoenas to direct the witnesses to appear at the trial. The Court also considers the offer of proof made by Appellant Greendeer as nine people who were unable to cast their votes at the TAU Building. Appellant Greendeer was able to provide three witnesses at the trial,” he wrote.

“In this case, the Trial Court held that the Appellants had not met their burden of proof that the election would have been different. The Court held that the parties did not prove that the requisite number of voters who would have changed the election result was aggrieved by the change in location of the TAU polling site,” Matha wrote.

“The burden was on the Appellants Greendeer and Waukau to provide witnesses to testify in a sufficient number that would have established that the election results would have been different. Their failure to do so is not sufficient reason to overturn the holding of the lower court,” he wrote.

## Ho-Chunk Elders Spoke and We Listened

Recognizing the importance of providing the best possible care for Ho-Chunk Nation Elders is a result of the foundation that they established for the Nation over many years.

Through the efforts of the Tribal Aging Unit’s Advisory Board, the Legislature and the Executive Branch’s Division of Insurance there have been changes made to the Elder Insurance Plans. They are as follows:

- Vision Care has been revised to reflect the coverage formerly available prior to February 1, 2013. Coverage mirrors the VSP Plan previously in effect which offered the most generous coverage. We’ve even contacted many providers about the change.
- Prescription coverage refills for almost all drugs reverted back to 90 day limits, rather than the 30 day limit.
- Dental coverage annual limits have been increased from \$2,000 a year to \$4,000.

Please remember that these changes are ONLY for the Elder Insurance Plans. We appreciate the Elders’ patience while the details were being worked out.



# Recovery Film Festival comes to the Al Ringling in Baraboo

Sherman Funmaker  
Staff Writer

National Recovery Month is a national observance that educates Americans on the fact that addiction treatment and mental health services can enable those with a mental and/or substance use disorder to live a healthy and rewarding life. The observance’s main focus is to laud the gains made by those in recovery from these conditions, just as we would those who are managing other health conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma, and heart disease. Recovery Month spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover.

Recovery Month, now in its 24th year, highlights individuals who have reclaimed their lives and are living happy and healthy lives in long-term recovery and also honors the prevention, treatment, and recovery service providers who make recovery possible. Recovery Month promotes the message that recovery in all its forms is possible, and also encourages citizens to take action to help expand and improve the availability of effective prevention, treatment, and recovery services for those in need.

Celebrated during the month of September, Recovery Month began in

to bring this recovery themed film festival to the Baraboo community.

“I did one of these recovery film festival about 4 years ago up in Wisconsin Rapids when I worked up there and it was pretty well received. Once I got here I ran it by some of our people in the Nations Health Department and everyone seemed to be on board. We started it last year but through a series of events in didn’t come about. This year we got some sponsors and with the help of the Nation we were able to put it together. Al Ringling director Brain Heller and I chose the films that we wanted to feature, some of which I had used for educational purposes and for the depiction of addiction but more importantly recovery. We wanted to focus on the recovery and how it can be achieved and in these films we see that happen” Laurie said.

The first Recovery Film Festival was held on Sept. 6 & 7, 2013 at the historic Al. Ringling Theater in Baraboo, WI as a part of National Recovery Month.

The films that were shown were The Basketball Diaries; When a Man Loves a Woman, Crazy Heart, 28 Days, Smoke Signals and My Name is Bill W.

The films were chosen to illustrate that addiction is a treatable illness and that recovery is possible. Many of the films are based on the true

these accomplishments. The Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Behavioral Health has partnered with the Friends of the Al. Ringling Theater to present the Recovery Film Festival.

The 2013 National Recovery Month theme “Together on Pathways to Wellness” emphasizes the many ways that people can prevent behavioral health issues, seek treatment, and sustain recovery as part of a commitment to living a mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually healthy life. This theme also reflects the Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Behavioral Health’s mission “to provide services that promote wellness through healing of the body, mind and spirit”.

Six state and nationally known speakers addressed topics related to the films. Dr. Zorba Paster will present the keynote address on Friday, September 6. Also presenting on Friday was Dr. Ken Thompson, Chief Medical Officer of Recovery Innovations (RI) and an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh and Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic and Dr. Wes Sowers, Medical Director for the Office of Behavioral Health in the Department of Human Services of Allegheny County and founder of the Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery. Saturday’s presenters included Bernestine Jeffers, Women’s AODA Treatment/FASD State Coordinator for the Wisconsin Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery, Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services’ Department of Health Services,

Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member Joe WhiteEagle SAC-IT and his wife, Stephanie CSAC-MFT, addictions counselors for Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Behavioral Health at Wanaiguni Hocira (the House of Wellness) in Baraboo also spoke after the showing of director Chris Eyre’s Smoke Signals.

Joe spoke of his experience as a child growing up natives and is familiar with the struggles that native people have today.

“I worked as a fitness trainer and during that time while working out with people they would open up and talk about their lives and struggles that they had. I would tell them that that wasn’t really something that I was able to help them with and to try to refrain from going there. I guess I had a concern and a desire to help with people and their struggles and through a series of events I found myself in a position to be able to do that. I took courses in Human Services and obtained a 2 yr degree and plan on going



Joe and Stephanie WhiteEagle spoke after the showing of the movie Smoke Signals.

on with my education. The movie Smoke Signals has a very familiar ring to it as my personal life was touched by tragedy and fire. As Ho-Chunk people we believe in prayer and being kind to one another. The movie has tragedy and humor and as native people we seem to always find was to laugh even in the lowest times” WhiteEagle said.

He touched in those issues when he and his wife spoke after the movie showing.

Each September, thousands of prevention, treatment, and recovery programs and services around the country celebrate their successes and share them with their neighbors, friends, and colleagues in an effort to educate the public about recovery, how it works, for whom, and why. There are millions of Americans whose lives have been transformed through recovery. These successes often go unnoticed by the broader population; therefore, Recovery Month provides a vehicle to celebrate these accomplishments.

The 2013 Recovery Month observance emphasizes the many ways that people can prevent behavioral health issues, seek treatment, and sustain recovery as part of a commitment to living a mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually

healthy life.

Currently, 203 Federal, State and local government entities, as well as non-profit organizations and associations affiliated with prevention, treatment, and recovery of mental and substance use disorders comprise the Recovery Month Planning Partners’ group. The Planning Partners assist in the development, dissemination and collaboration of materials, promotion and event sponsorship for the Recovery Month initiative.

Materials produced for the Recovery Month observance include print, web, television, radio and social media tools. These resources help local communities reach out and encourage individuals in need of services, and their friends and families, to seek treatment and recovery services and information. Materials provide multiple resources including SAMHSA’s National Helpline - 1-800-662-HELP (4357) for information and treatment referral and SAMHSA’s Treatment information at <http://www.samhsa.gov/>.

Financial support for the Recovery Film Fest has been provided by the St. Claire Health Care Foundation, Greater Sauk County Community Foundation and Tellurian U-CAN, Inc.



The Al Ringling Theatre in Baraboo hosted the first Recovery Film Fest.

1989 as Treatment Works! Month, which honored the work of the treatment and recovery professionals in the field, the observance evolved to National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month (Recovery Month) in 1998, when the observance expanded to include celebrating the accomplishment of individuals in recovery from substance use disorders. The observance evolved once again in 2011 to National Recovery Month (Recovery Month) to include all aspects of behavioral health.

In accordance with the Recovery Month Laurie L. Duraney, LCSW, Behavioral Health Clinician II at the House of Wellness, David Nelson, PhD, LPC, SAC also with the House of Wellness and Al Ringling Theatre Director Brian Heller, decided

stories of people who have suffered from alcoholism and drug addiction and recovered through treatment and the support of 12-step programs. Others are realistic portrayals of the devastation caused by addiction. All contain a message of hope.

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# Ho-Chunk artist Theodore Brown releases his new CD

Sherman Funmaker  
Staff Writer

When we last talked with Theodore Brown he was working on his first rap/ beat poetry album. At that time he went by the stage name Empathy, but now goes by Ill Vibes, a name he says is more fitting to where he is now and what his future plans may be, plus it is a better fit, he explained.

That was last September when he was in the middle of writing and getting ready to book studio time. The seventeen year-old Reedsburg High School junior had been working at the Sunrise Cliffs Café at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells to finance the production of his work until earlier this year. He explained that he was an LTE employee and that his time had been used up and now has to focus on his next project and his upcoming school year.

He was able to raise enough money to produce his first CD, *Imagine That*, just released this month.

Theodore has spent most of this year writing and rehearsing getting ready to get into the studio. He finally finished and now is ready

to get his music out to the public.

“It was a bit harder than I expected. It was expensive too. I remember when I first got into the studio and in that booth by myself. It was different and I was a bit nervous and my voice was a bit shaky, but I guess I finally got used to it. It took a while to get used to the process though. It’s not an easy task and it took longer than I thought” Brown said.

He did get used to the studio and the booth and turned out a great piece of music, considering he’s a new voice and face on the local music scene.

He is also looking forward to getting his album out to the public, doing some more appearances and a possible speaking gig with the local Baraboo Boys and Girls Club among other things.

According to the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of West Central Wisconsin, Karen Desanto, they are very interested in having Theodore come and speak to the youth of her group.

“I read his work and also was contacted by one of the



Beat poet Theodore Brown is looking forward to his next album

professors at UW Baraboo about Theodore and we are always looking for kids are doing something a bit out of the ordinary, so we thought that Theodore would be a good example. We want him to share his poetry. It seems to be urban and off the wall and him putting himself out there. We want our kids to see what else is out there, and experience the arts through music, poetry and a look into native life. The kids need help, just like so many of today’s youth and having other kids come and speak seems to be a real positive thing that we are always looking for. We all want to help make a difference with some of these kid’s lives” Desanto said.

They are working together to set some time for Theodore to come in and speak to the clubs members.

During his last appearance where he read and performed some of his songs he was approached

by University of Wisconsin Baraboo Assistant Professor of English, Frances Auld who took a liking to one of his poems called “The Lecture.”

Professor Auld wanted to use the poem for one of her upcoming classes, Critical Writing, Reading and Research, a freshman class she will teach this fall.

“I loved the rhetoric and thought it was sharp, and a brilliant example of writing. I wanted to use it in one of my classes and was impressed with his work. He just needs to get more polished and he will do well.” Frances said.

He plans on working on the next step in the process... getting his music out there.

“I guess you could say I released it at the Neeshla Pow-wow last week. I had people buying the CD and asking about me and my music. I didn’t know that I was that well known.” He laughed.

A lot has changed in a year and in the latest conversation Theodore talks about his journey and where he has been, where he is going and what to expect in the coming years.

He spoke again of how he got started back when he was around 13 or so.

“I wasn’t very good. I wrote about school, girls you

know the regular stuff that was going on in my life. The song on my album called *Remember the Past* pretty much says it all. How it was back in the day and how it is today. The different stages I went through and how I got to where I am now” Theodore said.

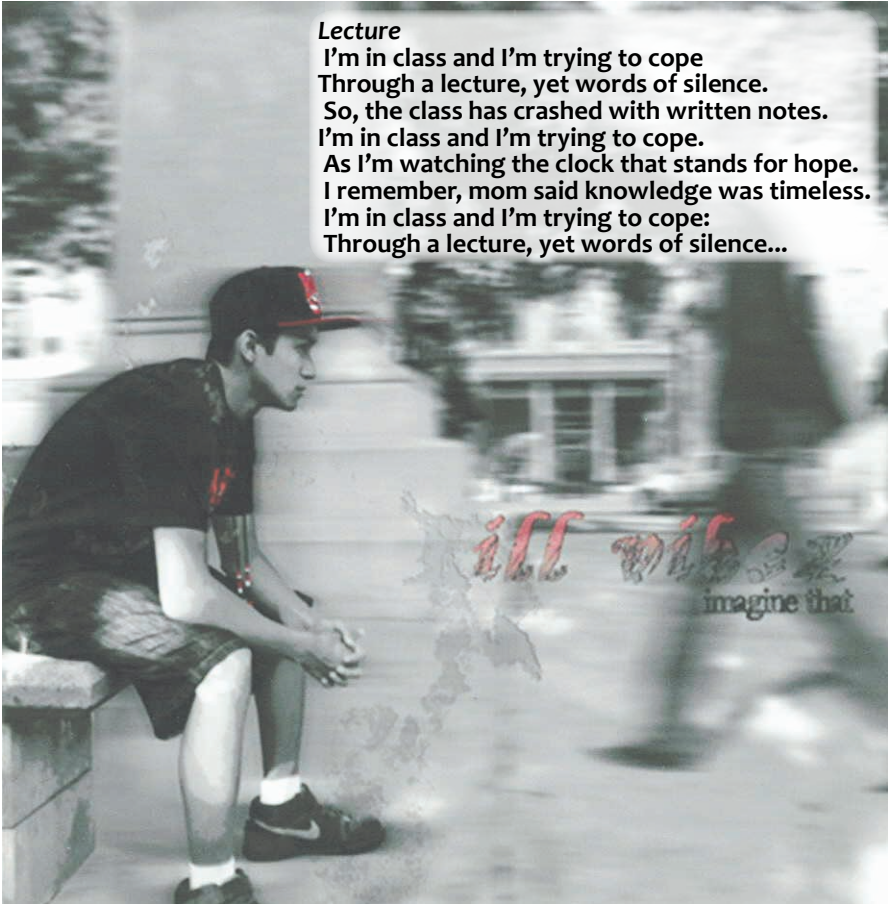
Theodore is already looking to continue his schooling after high school and staying in the music business. Theodore is son of Ted Brown and Julia Goodbear.

He acknowledged the help he got from his producer Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Band of Chippewa member and owner of Avery Studio, Daniel Zimmerman and also from Ho-chunk artist Autumn Pine. Her vocals can be heard on the track “Rez” one of nine tracks he has put out.

On his track “Good Times” and “Rez” Theodore also gets help from Potawatomie artist Wayne Mundell another native performer that is used on this recording.

His CD is for sale now and he would appreciate any help on this journey. To order the CD *Imagine That* or to contact the artist for bookings email, write or call: theobrown90@yahoo.com

Call Theodore (608) 630-2632 or Avery Studios (608) 298-3203



SUMMONS  
(First Publication)  
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Sauk County Clerk of Courts, Petitioner, v.  
Timothy M. Browne, Respondent.  
Case : CG 13-95

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:  
Timothy M. Browne

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, Rule 54.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS  
(First Publication)  
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Sauk County Clerk of Courts, Petitioner, v.  
Joshua P. Funmaker, Respondent.  
Case : CG 13-100

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:  
Joshua P. Funmaker

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SUMMONS  
(First Publication)  
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Thomas & Sandra King et al., Petitioner, v.  
Lynn Thi Nguyen, Respondent.  
Case : CG 13-93

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:  
Lynn Thi Nguyen

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, Rule 54.

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SUMMONS  
(First Publication)  
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Bonnie Stone & Milwaukee County, Petitioner, v.  
Michael Devan, Respondent.  
Case : CS 13-27

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:  
Michael Devan

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
HO-CHUNK GAMING-BLACK RIVER  
FALLS  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
AUGUST 20, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Jon Greendeer at 10:04 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

President Jon Greendeer(P)  
Vice President Heather Cloud  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)  
Rep. Susan Weber(EX)  
Rep. Douglas Greengrass(P)  
Rep. Andrea Estebo(P)  
Rep. David Greendeer(P)  
Rep. Henning Garvin(P)  
Rep. Darren Brinegar(P)  
Rep. Shelby Visintin(P)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)  
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit(P)  
Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit(P)  
Rep. Matt Mullen(P)

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

Quorum is established.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Mr. Amos Kingsley offered a prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the August 6, 2013, Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Heather Cloud. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Matt Mullen to approve the August 16, 2013, Legislative Meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. **11-0-1(Rep. Visintin) Motion Carried.**

**SUB-COMMITTEE**

**REPORTS:**

**Administration Committee:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve the August 8, 2013, Administration Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **8-0-4(Reps. Visintin, Brinegar, Littlejohn, V.P. Cloud) Motion Carried.**

**Housing Committee:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the August 19, 2013, Housing Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **10-0-2(Reps. D. Greendeer, Garvin) Motion Carried.**

**Rental Policy:**

**MOTION** by Vice President Heather Cloud to suspend the current Rental Policy based on recommendations of the Department of Social Services on an emergency expedited basis until Department of Housing has their policy to present at the Legislative Housing Committee. This would only include the Homeless Women & Children Program and must adhere to Behavior Health program plan. Second by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **10-0-2(Reps. Blackdeer, Littlejohn) Motion Carried.**

**Home Ownership Program Act (Adam Walsh Act):**

**MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to table the Home Ownership Program Act (Adam Walsh Act) until the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**Sh Og La:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 08-20-13A Priority Housing for Ho-Chunk Veterans and the Sh Og La Rescind and Reestate Resolution 11-07-95D. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 08-20-13B Medical Care for the Ho-Chunk Sh Og La Rescind and Reestate Resolution 11-07-95D. Second by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **11-0-1(Rep. Littlejohn) Motion Carried.**

**Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit leaves the room at 11:04 a.m.**

**Vice President Heather Cloud leaves the room at 11:07 a.m.**

**Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit returns at 11:11 a.m.**

**Veterans Home Ownership Program:**

Myra Jo Price, Sandra Winneshiek, and Carol Rockman presented the scenarios to the Legislature.

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to schedule an off- site meeting to address the Veterans Home Ownership Program. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**NOTE:** This meeting has been scheduled for 09-18-13 at Blue Wing Community Building.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Lynwood:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to table the Lynwood Update to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**Rep. Greg Blackdeer leaves the room at 11:32 a.m.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Matt Mullen to have the next Development Committee Meeting in the Chicago Area. Second by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **6-0-4(Reps. D. Greendeer, Garvin, Visintin, Brinegar) Motion Carried.**

**Vice President Heather Cloud returns at 11:34 a.m.**

**Rep. Greg Blackdeer returns at 11:35 a.m.**

**MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to have an Off Site Meeting within two weeks for Strategic Planning specific to protection of our Gaming Markets and Homelands. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **11-0-1(V.P. Cloud) Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to rescind the motion from November 20, 2012, Legislative Meeting, that Ms. Tammi Malloy or a realtor to have the whole property at Lynwood to be sold. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**Economic Diversification:**

Vice President Heather Cloud disbursed

her update to the Legislature, which was a memorandum date August 20, 2013 on the public forums and Issues 5, 6, and 7 inserts of the Ho-Chunk Worak on Economic Diversification.

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to acknowledge the Seminole Tribe for assisting with the Nation’s Economic Diversification Process. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **11-0-1(V.P. Cloud) Motion Carried.**

**AGENDA AMENDMENT:**

**MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to amend the agenda to add item n. Data – Driven Strategic Planning Obesity, Diabetes and Related Health Risks under New Business. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**45 Day Comment Period Completed:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to table the Healing Wellness Court, LOA, Traffic Code, Audit Law, and Probate Codes until the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**AGENDA AMENDMENT:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to amend the agenda and address item m. Confirmation of Executive Directors under New Business next. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Confirmation of Executive Directors:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 08-20-13C Confirmation of Sharyn R. Buchanan to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Treasury. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. **9-1(Rep. Whiterabbit)-1(Rep. D. Greendeer) Motion Carried.**

**(V.P. Cloud out of the room).**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 08-20-13D Confirmation of Libby Fairchild to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Personnel. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **8-0-2(Rep. D. Greendeer, Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) Motion Carried.**

**(V.P. Cloud, Rep. Estebo out of the room).**

**RECESS:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **7-3(Reps. Littlejohn, Mullen, D. Greendeer)-0 Motion Carried.**

**(V.P. Cloud, Rep. Estebo out of the room).**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called back to order by President Jon Greendeer at 12:45 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

President Jon Greendeer(P)  
Vice President Heather Cloud(P)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)  
Rep. Susan Weber(EX)  
Rep. Douglas Greengrass(P)  
Rep. Andrea Estebo(P)  
Rep. David Greendeer(P)  
Rep. Henning Garvin(P)  
Rep. Darren Brinegar(P)  
Rep. Shelby Visintin(P)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)  
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit(P)  
Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit(P)  
Rep. Matt Mullen(P)

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

Quorum is established

**AGENDA AMENDMENT:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to amend the agenda to add item e. Suitability Waiver under Unfinished Business. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Healing Center:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 08-20-13E Establishment of Legislative Workgroup for the Creation of the Kijire Nagu Healing Center as amended. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**Suitability Waiver:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 08-20-13F Denial of Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV13-006. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **11-0-1(Rep. Visintin) Motion Carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Cancellation of Ho-Chunk Nation Land Lease for Timber Run Lot #12:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 08-20-13G Cancellation of Land Lease Timber Run Lot #12. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **10-0-2(V.P. Cloud, Rep. Mullen) Motion Carried.**

**Lease Application for Timber Run Lot #12:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 08-20-13H Land Lease Authorization Lot #12 of Timber Run. Second by Vice President Heather Cloud. **11-0-1(Rep. Mullen) Motion Carried.**

**Appoint Representative to the Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 08-20-13I Appointment of Representatives to the Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**Quick Passage to Amend the Employment Relations Act Regarding Ho-Chunk Preference:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 08-20-13J Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Employment Relations Act Regarding Ho-Chunk Preference. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**Rep. Doug Greengrass leaves the room at 1:24 p.m.**

**Amendment to Job Descriptions Regarding Ho-Chunk History and Culture:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 08-20-13K Amendment to Job Descriptions Regarding Ho-Chunk History and Culture. Second by Vice President Heather Cloud. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit that any organization requesting donations go through a similar-type seminar. Second by Vice President Heather Cloud.

**11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**Health Care Benefit Plan Change for Tribal Elders:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 08-20-13L Health Care Benefit Plan Change for Tribal Elders. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**Health Care Benefit Plan Change for Tribal Member Employees:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 08-20-13M Health Care Benefit Plan Change for Tribal Member Employees. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**National Congress of American Indians Membership Renewal and Travel Approval:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 08-20-13N National Congress of American Indians Tribal Membership Delegate-Alternate Designation. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **10-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**(Rep. Estebo out of the room).**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve any interested Legislators and any staff to attend the National Congress of American Indians 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Tulsa, OK on October 13-18, 2013. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **9-0-1(V.P. Cloud) Motion Carried.**

**(Rep. Estebo out of the room).**

**BIA Roads Designee:**

Vice President Heather Cloud stated she would like to step down as the BIA Roads Designee.

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to have Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit as the Designee for BIA Roads, and to have Rep. Andrea Estebo and Rep. David Greendeer as Alternates for BIA Roads. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**Alternate Representative for the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 08-20-13O NAHASDA Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Alternates for Vice President Heather Cloud. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**Rep. Doug Greengrass returns at 1:39 p.m.**

**Travel Approvals:**

**MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to approve for the Vice President, President, Finance Committee Presiding Officer, and Treasurer or designee to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Global ARC Boston in Boston, MA on October 28-30, 2013. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **11-0-1(V.P. Cloud) Motion Carried.**

**AGENDA AMENDMENT:**

**MOTION** by Vice President Heather Cloud to amend the agenda to add the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Indian Country Affordable Housing and Economic Development Conference under Travel Approvals. Second by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve up to four Legislators and any staff to attend the G2E Conference in Las Vegas, NV on September 23-26, 2013. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **11-0-1(V.P. Cloud) Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Vice President Heather Cloud to approve up to three Legislators to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Indian Country Affordable Housing and Economic Development Conference in Kansas City, KS on September 16-18, 2013. Second by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**District Concerns:**

**District 1:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer to General Council Agency the vote to have Phyllis Smoke as the new General Council Agency Delegate for District 1, per the August 14, 2013 Area Meeting. Second by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**(Rep. Garvin out of the room).**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer to the Veteran Advisory Board the vote to have Ken Mc Andrew as the Delegate and Brandon Winneshiek as the Alternate for District 1, per the August 14, 2013 Area Meeting. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve \$500.00 from the Elder Assistance line item to assist elder for air conditioner replacement as was struck by lightning. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to table the Jackson County Animal Shelter Request until next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve \$819.00 from the Youth Assistance line item for the District 1 Youth for Mt. Olympus Water Park, per the August 1, 2013, Finance Committee motion on an expedited basis. Second by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **11-0-1(Rep. D. Greendeer) Motion Carried.**

**District 2:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the General Council Agency the August 12, 2013 District 2 La Crosse Area Meeting motion for the GCA to only allow adults to attend the meeting. Do not allow parents to bring their children. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the Office of the President the August 15, 2013, District 2 Tomah Area Meeting motion to place a link of the main page for all codes that are out for 45 day comment period for review. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** Rep. Henning Garvin read the August 15, 2013, District 2 Tomah Area Meeting motion that laws placed out for the 45 day public comment period to have the comments received be brought back to areas to review and place on the website prior to

implementation.

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the ERA Work Group the August 15, 2013, District 2 Tomah Area Meeting motion to amend the ERA; Chapter 4 Employee Benefits, Section 19 under Funeral Leave, revise to include community member Full-Time for 3 hours; Part-Time for 3 hours; Quarter-Time for 3 hours. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** Rep. Henning Garvin read the August 15, 2013, District 2 Tomah Area Meeting motion that the District 2 Legislators modify the Healing Center resolution, so that it is coming from the District 2 Legislators and present it to the full Legislature on behalf of Roberta Decorah at the next meeting.

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to Legal Counsel and Attorney General the District 2 Tomah Area Meeting motion to refer the (Frac Sand Mining Issue) resolution to Legislature for consideration. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve \$2,300.00 from the Charitable Contribution line item for the Monona 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on an expedited basis. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to approve \$5,000.00 from the Pow Wow line item for the District 3 Request Neesh La Pow Wow 2013 65+ Men and Women Contest on an expedited basis. Second by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **8-0-4(Reps. Blackdeer, Brinegar, Whiterabbit, V.P. Cloud) Motion Defeated.**

**NOTE:** This is defeated as need more than 2/3 vote of Legislators present on an expedited basis motion.

**District 3:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to the Office of the President the August 12, 2013, District 3 Wittenberg Area Meeting motion to have HOP representative, Patti Hanson, attend next month’s Wittenberg Area Meeting to discuss the duplexes and bring forms for displaced residents. Second by Vice President Heather Cloud. **11-0-1(Rep. Visintin) Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to the Office of the President the August 12, 2013, District 3 Wittenberg Area Meeting motion to have a certified inspector supervise the construction of the homes so that they (duplexes) are being built to code. Second by Vice President Heather Cloud. **11-0-1(Rep. Visintin) Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to Legislative Counsel to draft a resolution to fund from the compact deductions the August 12, 2013, District 3 Wittenberg Area Meeting motion for Legislature to approve \$4,800.00 on FY14-15 budget for the Shawano County Tribal Affairs Committee request for the Wittenberg-Biramwood High School’s football stadium projects; landscaping and retaining wall improvements. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to the Office of the President the August 12, 2013, District 3 Wittenberg Area Meeting motion to find out who took the Wittenberg trailers and who authorized the sale of them. Second by Vice President Heather Cloud. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to the Office of the President the August 12, 2013, District 3 Wittenberg Area Meeting motion to find out who took the Wittenberg trailers and who authorized the sale of them. Second by Vice President Heather Cloud. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to the Office of the President the August 12, 2013, District 3 Wittenberg Area Meeting motion to have an appraisal done on the Johnson Veal Farm house and property. Second by Vice President Heather Cloud. **11-0-1(Rep. Visintin) Motion Carried.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** Rep. Darren Brinegar read the August 12, 2013, District 3 Wittenberg Area Meeting motion to have a Halloween party for the Wittenberg area.

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve the August 13, 2013, District 3 Green Bay Area Meeting motion for Legislature to approve the original proposed amount of \$4,650.00 for Green Bay’s request to Mt. Olympus on an expedited basis from the Charitable Contribution line item. Second by Vice President Heather Cloud. **5-5(Reps. Greengrass, D. Greendeer, Blackdeer, Garvin, Estebo)-2(Reps. Littlejohn, Whiterabbit) Motion Defeated.**

**NOTE:** This is defeated as need more than 2/3 vote of Legislators present on an expedited basis motion.

**District 4:**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** Rep. Shelby Visintin read the August 15, 2013, District 4 Area Meeting motion to have copies of the codes that are out for 45 day comment at the Milwaukee Branch Office.

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the Office of the President the August 15, 2013, District 4 Area Meeting motion to have Richard Mann come to Milwaukee and discuss the future of the Language Program. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**(Rep. Littlejohn out of the room).**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the General Council Agency the vote to have Travis Greengrass as the Delegate for District 4, per the August 15, 2013, Area Meeting. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**(Rep. Littlejohn out of the room).**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the Office of the President the August 15, 2013, District 4 Area Meeting motion to have Pat Schultz get her job back. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**(Rep. Littlejohn out of the room).**  
**READ FOR THE RECORD:** Rep. Shelby Visintin read the August 15, 2013, District 4 Area Meeting motion to start a Planning/Development committee to discuss the \$3 million dollars that has been allocated for the Milwaukee area.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** Rep. Shelby Visintin read the August 15, 2013, District 4 Area Meeting motion to have Housing and HHCA work together so there is one group we can go to help all

tribal members.

**District 5:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Matt Mullen to refer to the Finance Committee the August 12, 2013, District 5 Chicago Area Meeting motion to have the Ho-Chunk Nation become a Hawk Sponsor for the event in the amount of \$15,000.00 and to be in touch with appropriate representatives with our Tribe so that we set up an information booth at this event. (American Indian Community Center’s Annual Pow Wow on September 14-15, 2013). Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**(Rep. Littlejohn out of the room).**  
**NOTE:** Due to recent concerns the Legislature would like American Indian Community Center to reconcile last year and this year’s donation to the Financial Examiner and Budget Analyst of the Legislative Branch.

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the Lynwood Task Force the August 15, 2013, District 5 Minneapolis/St. Paul Area Meeting motion that based on prudent information received, to have the Ho-Chunk Nation move forward with a Ho-Chunk Gaming Operation at the Lynwood Properties. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. **10-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**(Rep. Littlejohn, Brinegar out of the room).**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the Office of the President the August 15, 2013, District 5 Minneapolis/St. Paul Area Meeting motion to fill and fund the Youth Service Coordinator position for the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. Second by Vice President Heather Cloud. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**FOR THE RECORD:** Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit read the August 15, 2013, District 5 Minneapolis/St. Paul Area Meeting motion to endorse the Employee Relations Act and support Ho-Chunk Preference.

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the Office of the President the August 15, 2013, District 5 Minneapolis/St. Paul Area Meeting motion to have Rhonda Hunt and Kells White make an Area 5 St. Paul, MN Facebook page. Second by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**FOR THE RECORD:** Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit read the August 15, 2013, District 5 Minneapolis/St. Paul Area Meeting motion to have the Legislature look at the next casino options per previous surveys Roberts in particular.

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the Finance Committee the August 15, 2013, District 5 Minneapolis/St. Paul Area Meeting motion to donate \$2,500.00 to each of the following non-profit organizations which many Ho-Chunk Tribal members frequent and refer to the next Legislative Finance Meeting: Division of Indian Works in St. Paul, MN, Division of Indian Works in Minneapolis, MN, Women of Nations Shelter in St. Paul, MN, and the Elders Lodge in St. Paul, MN. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the Office of the President and Housing Committee the August 15, 2013, District 5 Minneapolis/St. Paul Area Meeting motion to request the Legislature and Housing Department reconsider changing the HOP electrical service requirement for purchasing a existing home from 200 ampere service to 100 ampere, and refer to the Legislative Housing Committee. Second by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit read the August 15, 2013, District 5 Minneapolis/St. Paul Area Meeting motion to have the Health Department test and mitigate air quality in the new office building.



# Deanna Diaz transforms shy to standup comedy performer

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

Deanna Diaz is just beginning her career in standup comedy, but she is enjoying the experience and she hopes it will continue for a long time.

Deanna was one of three comedians to perform at the Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls on August 30. It was just her fourth professional performance.

Other performers included Adrianne Chalepah and Tito Ybarra as Sherry Schimmel. All performances were provided free of charge.

“I grew up all over southern California in reservations around here. I’m Seneca from western New York, but my grandma moved out here years ago, so we bounced around from reservation to reservation,” Deanna said. “I grew up with everyone in the same household, like I grew up with 12 people. It was a really loud, crazy family and we were all really silly, so that’s where my sense of humor comes from.”

Even now, when living alone, she can’t do anything unless there’s noise, Deanna said. So she turns on a TV or radio.

“I can’t stand it to be silent because I’m so used to all that chaos going on,” she said.

Standup comedy wasn’t something she always wanted to do. In fact, the reverse was true when she was young.

“I was really a shy kid in school

who never really said anything. And never was out there and outgoing, very shy middle school and high school,” she said.

But Deanna took a drama class in high school and she was shy the first time around, but was more outgoing the second time because knew the other kids and instructors, she said.

Then she took it again in college and did very well, but never considered in as a career because it was not very practical. In conversation with friends, people thought she was funny, but she never thought she was funny enough to be on stage.

“I have to credit Adrianne Chalepah for my start. There was a symposium at my school and she was there doing a comedy workshop,” Deanna said. “I wanted to check it out, having time between classes.”

Adrianne called her up on the stage to tell a story.

“I told a really dumb story about getting my friends to dance like they were on magic mic and a guy who happened to be her brother in law,” she said. “She thought it was hilarious. Later in the day she came up to me and asked if I had ever considered doing standup comedy and I said, ‘no.’”

Adrianne told her to think about it and they exchanged numbers.

“About a month later she called her and asked if she was interested in providing the opening act for

49 Laughs Comedy,” Deanna said. “That’s how it all got started – that was my first show.”

Deanna isn’t real certain where this career of comedy will take her, but she plans to stay with it – for now.

“I want to stay hopeful about it. I’m terrified actually,” she said. “I have a bachelor’s degree and I feel that I should get a 9 to 5. But at the same time I have this really cool opportunity and I have a lot of people who believe in my talent.

“On top of that I have this acting gig for a show called “Buffalo in the Room” and it’s all about Natives trying to be in the entertainment industry. I just feel like it’s a good time for me to get into it,” Deanna said.

She’s 22 and she doesn’t have a lot holding her down to stay in one place. It’s something she finds a lot of joy in, and she’s happy doing it.

“Plus, there aren’t a whole lot of female comedians, especially who are Native American, so it’s good for the Native community,” she said.

Her comedy act takes time to develop, but she tries not to analyze it too closely, whether the jokes are pertaining mainstream comedy or Native humor.

“I don’t put a lot of thought into it. It’s just something that pops into my head,” she said. “I feel like it’s something that could be understood by anybody. It obviously has the native



Comedian Deanna Diaz provides a few laughs by giving her humorous version of life.

aspect because I’m Native and I grew up on the Rez. I don’t have to sit there and plot to include a Native joke because it’s part of me.”

Where she goes from here is dependent on which doors are opened to her.

“At this point, I’m going where the opportunities are, and right now the opportunities are in entertainment,” Deanna said. “I’m just going to put my energy into that right now. It’s not all fun. There’s definitely work that goes into it. If I’m going to be an academic or an entertainer, the workload isn’t really any different.”

# For Adrianne Chalepah, comedy comes naturally

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

Adrianne Chalepah had a rough childhood, but chose to make something good from her situation.

Instead of crying, she decided to laugh.

Adrianne was one of three comedians to perform at the Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls on August 30. Other performers included Tito Ybarra as Sherry Schimmel and Deanna Diaz. All performances were provided free of charge.

Adrianne was raised in southwest Oklahoma, the daughter of a Kiowa and Apache father and a white mother.

“Growing up was pretty rough. I had a rough childhood,” she said. “My father was an alcoholic who came from a long line of alcoholics. There was a lot of violence in the community and in the home. It was a very unstable environment.

“I always felt, there was something more to life,” Adrianne said. “There has to be light at the end of the tunnel, I told myself. As I grew older, maybe I am the light at the end of the tunnel. Maybe I can determine my own fate.”

Education was going to be her ticket out of her situation because it was her only way out, she figured. She was always a straight “A” student and the “class clown” in middle school. But when she became older, she became more serious about school.

“At home, I wasn’t the funny one. My whole family was funny,” Adrianne said.

“I give credit to my dad as giving me my sense of humor. He was the funny one. And he also schooled me on what comedy was –both modern and historically. Most kids my age grew up in the 90s and were into Monty Python or Saturday Night Live. I was interested because that was my family time, sitting down while watching Saturday Night Live. Also, my dad would show us older comedy such as Benny Hill. With that, I sort of had an unofficial schooling of what comedy was.”

It wasn’t until older that she got to know Native American comedians. Again, her dad taught her Native American comedy like Charlie Hill, she said.

“I was the silly one of my friends - the one who always wanted to get some laughs,” Adrianne said. “My ‘lightbulb’ didn’t go off until my college days. One night, I got up on stage during an ‘open mic’ night, but wasn’t sure until afterwards. My ‘lightbulb’ moment went on after I left the stage. It was a good experience. I figured I would have to follow it and see where it takes me.”

She figured it was “sort of” fate.

“I was not pursuing comedy as a career until it was staring me in the face. Then I had to choose because after college I did the normal thing, I went out and got a job, using my degree. It wasn’t until about a year, year-and-a-half, that I went to a comedy show - a James and Ernie comedy show,” she said. “I went to the show one day, went up to

them afterwards, gave them the normal fan ‘schpleal,’ and then told them I tried standup comedy, loved it and want to try again.”

Ernie Tsosie told her that he has a show coming up and that she can open the show if she wanted to.

“Was I surprised,” Adrianne said. “Basically, it was me opening for them and getting on stage over and over and over again. Then, one day, members of the group 49 Laughs Comedy sat me down and asked me to become part of the group and tour with them.”

She’s been doing it ever since, sometimes part of the group, sometimes solo.

“In this business grab and take whatever you can,” she said.

She’s been a professional comedian for over three years. Before that, she worked at bank in the new accounts department and was performing comedy in her spare time. She had to quit her job because her comedy act was doing so well. She had used up all her vacation and sick time and to be fair to her boss and to be fair to comedy, she made the leap.

“It was scary because was pregnant at the time with our second son, and changing career while pregnant isn’t exactly the smartest thing to do,” Adrianne said.

But turned out to be one of the best risks she ever took.

There are all sorts of types of comedy, but she’s not one to have the witty one-liners, she said.

“I find something funny in my life or something people



Comedian Adrianne Chalepah delights the crowd with her gift of humor.

can relate to,” she said. “I find something funny in every situation. And that’s how I approach life on an everyday basis. I have things constantly anger you or embarrass you or make you feel awkward, then take it all in and turn around to something can use on stage.”

Because she is Native American, she likes to include some Native American humor, but keep it a mixture.

“I like to keep it half and half – half Native American comedy and half everybody comedy – because I don’t want to isolate anyone or I don’t want to limit my audience. So I try to keep a little bit of something for everyone,” Adrianne said. “Yes, there are certain shows and times and audiences

where there are only Native Americans, or the majority are Native Americans, where I talk about things that are uniquely native American where most of the society, outside of that one, would have a hard time relating. That’s something special to me, because it’s basically having a conversation with hundreds of people about being Native American and making it funny.”

Adrianne said that her time in Black River Falls was great. She thought the countryside was beautiful, and the people were nice and hospitable.

For more information on Adrianne Chalepah, visit her Web site at [www.chalepah.com](http://www.chalepah.com).



# 16th Annual All Nations Co-Ed Softball Tournament

Submitted by Zack Thundercloud

On Saturday, August 31, and Sunday, September 1, twelve teams battled it out in the 16th Annual All Nations Co-Ed Softball Tournament, sponsored by the Ho-Chunk Nation, which took place at the baseball/softball complex in Sandpellow Village, Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

The tournament represented various tribes in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kansas, and Nebraska. All teams gave their best effort and there were great crowds on hand for some awesome slow-pitch action!

Josh Webster Memorial, a team out of Oneida, Wisconsin took first place. Josh Webster Memorial played in memory of their brother who unexpectedly passed away in January 2000. Brothers Jermaine Webster,

Brian Denny, Jr. and Jason Denny continue the love and sportsmanship their brother Josh had for the game.

In an edge of your seat championship game, Josh Webster Memorial (JWM) took on Big Smokey Falls Rafting (BSFR). In the bottom of the seventh and final inning with two outs, the score was 5-6 with BSFR leading. Brandon Frechette, pitcher for BSFR, was just looking for the final out for the win. Trailing by one with a tying runner on second base, batting for JWM was Roman Leonard. Roman hit a foul ball for the first strike. At this point one more strike and it's over. The very next pitch Roman hit the ball deep and out of the park for a walk-off home run scoring two runs. Josh Webster Memorial took the lead and the championship with a final score of 7-6.



**Josh Webster Memorial (2013 CHAMPIONS) Julie Denny, Brian Denny, Sr., Brian Denny, Jr., Jermaine Webster, Jason Denny, Roman Leonard, Kole McGeshick, Roberta Ponfil, Ariana Klemens, Jared Waupoose, Angel Reiter, Michelle Mauritsen, Sage Mauritsen**



**Big Smokey Falls Rafting (2nd Place) Brandon Frechette, Lowell Waupoose, Rich Leaman, Anthony Leaman Jr., Heather Haeflinger, Kristin Boivin, Levi O'Kimosh, Dionne Madosh, Rebecca Smith, Maniyan Pyawasay, Kimberly Latender, Mequon Corn**



**Extreme Power Motor Sports/Shirts & Logos (3rd Place) Jay Martinez, Martin Thunder, Mike Bendorf, Mike King, Jr., Gonzo Castillo III, Jed Summers, Jacquelyn Summers, Mlosha Wagoner, Josie Pahmahmie, Ashley Williams-Hoaglen, Nicole Bennett**



**99 Problems But A Pitch Ain't 1 (4th Place) Ira (Hayes) Anderson, Rhonda Anderson, John (Johnny Boy) Stacy, Ken McAndrew, Lydia (Unstoppable) Cloud, Erica Rave, Damion (Deej) Whitegull, Christine Mach, Aaron Flick, Anissa Flick, Katie Funmaker**

When the dust settled the following teams were awarded for their play:

1st Place: Josh Webster Memorial

2nd Place: Big Smokey Falls Rafting

3rd Place: Team EMP/S&L

4th Place: 99 Problems But A Pitch Ain't 1

5th Place: Tom Rasmussen Memorial

6th Place: Brown Baggers

Other teams included: War Thunder, Razor's Edge, Z-Town, Larry's Leftovers, Whitetail Crossing, and Hemlock.

**BIG THANKS TO OUR CREW!** Greg (Bubba) Blackdeer, Fred Rios, Eric Drangstveit, John (JB) Blackdeer, Greg (Geggy) Whitegull, Gary Iverson, Roy Littlegeorge, Kelvin Decorah, Tristian Decorah, Dakota Decorah, Jonas Whitegull, Larry Walker, Jr., Zack Thundercloud, Lisa Flick, Roxie Mudd, JoVanna Whiteeagle, Arielle Hall.

**SPECIAL PINAGIGIS** go out to: Tomah Area Credit Union; HCN-TOB Maintenance; Kelley Thundercloud; Raquel Greendeer; Tracy Thundercloud; Shelley Thundercloud; Tomah Youth Services (Marty and Penny Ybarra); Bonnie Bird; Jessi Cleveland; M&M Sports; Designz; Curtis Printing; The Print Shop; MC Sports; and Wristbands Online

Thank-you all for making this tournament a HUGE success



**Tom Rasmussen Memorial (5th Place) Brad Skenandore, Kathy Duxtater, Fawn Billie, Curtis Danforth, Stevi Skenandore, Presley Moore, Melinda Danforth, Gerrald Danforth, Irene Danforth, Waylon Denny, Cree Metoxen, Kory Wesaw, Leslie Duxtater, James Fish**



**Brown Baggers, Ponemah, MN (6th Place & Second Furthest Team Traveled) Kristin Brown, Martin Wind, Dell Perkins, Brent Dahl, Michelle Schaaf, Ken Staples, Cara Donnell, Evelyn (Evie) Brown, Nate Seelye, Darrell Fierro, Jacqueline Brown, Alvin Brown**



**Razors Edge, Winnebago, NE (Consolation Champs and Furthest Traveled) Rose Springer, Joe Springer, Paco Smith, Orlando Lonewolf-Decora, Charles (C-Boy) St. Cyr, Cindy Tyndall-Junge, Pilar Aldrich, Tyler Miller, Lorraine Porter-Overgaard, LaShana Porter-Schueth, Trevor Wilke-Bear**



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 Visit the Rewards Club for complete details. This is not an open car show. Only cars that pre-qualify at one of the 2013 Burger King Classic Car Shows will be on exhibit. Ho-Chunk Gaming reserves the right to cancel or alter events or promotions at any time. Must 21 years or older to play in the casino.

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## HO-CHUNK NATION *Higher Education*

# October 2013 District Meetings

Staff will provide information on  
Higher Education programs

<b>District I</b> Black River Falls	<b>District III</b> Green Bay Wisconsin Rapids Wisconsin Dells Wittenberg	<b>District IV</b> Milwaukee
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**For more information, contact:**  
(800) 362-4476 or [higher.education@ho-chunk.com](mailto:higher.education@ho-chunk.com)

### Housing is now located in the former textile building.

It has been renovated to house the Nation's tribal Department of Housing. The phone number remains the same, which is 608-374-1225. The fax number is 608-374-1233.

Other buildings on this site are the Transportation Shop, the Tomah Health office, and two other buildings. Hopefully, this will give an idea of where the Nation's Department of Housing Office is now located.

Housing also apologizes for any inconveniences this may have caused.

**Ho-Chunk Nation  
Department of Housing**  
27374 Hwy 21 East Bldg. #5  
Tomah, WI 54660

## MEETING NOTICE



### ETHICS REVIEW BOARD MEETING

Friday,  
September 27, 2013  
10:00 a.m.

HCG – Wisconsin Dells  
S3124 Hwy 12  
Baraboo, WI

### NOTICE

## The Committee on Tribal Enrollment

Will be holding its Quarterly Meeting on:  
**Friday, September 20, 2013**  
Wa Ehi Hoci Tribal Court Building, Black River Falls  
At 9:00AM.

Please note: The meeting is open to tribal members but the hearing portion to follow is not.

**I am now accepting applications for  
3-6 part time positions.**

Positions open are for concession attendants. Applications will be accepted now through September 25th, 2013. Interviews will start as applications are received. Qualifications include:

- fully completed application form
- must work weekends
- must work holidays
- must be dependable
- must be at least 16 years of age

Applications are available on line at [marcustheatres.com](http://marcustheatres.com) or at the Ho-Chunk Cinemas box office.

Kathy V.-General Manager  
**Ho-Chunk Cinemas**  
[hochunk@marcustheatres.com](mailto:hochunk@marcustheatres.com)  
608-374-3828



**NEKOOSA YOUTH & LEARNING CENTER**  
4946 WINNESHIEK LANE  
NEKOOSA, WI 54457

*The Nekoosa Youth & Learning Center is accepting registration packets for the 2013-14 school year. Please call the center at 715.886.5128 for a registration packet, Parent Handbook and updated calendar. Our first day of programming will begin September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013.*

**Who can participate in the Ho-Chunk Youth & Learning Center's programming?**

1. Youth Services will provide services to Ho-Chunk youth in grades K – 12.
2. Youth must be 5 years old **and** enrolled in Kindergarten.
3. Youth can be 18 years old, but **must** be enrolled and actively attending a High school, Charter school or an Alternative High school.
4. Youth must be enrolled with the Ho-Chunk Nation **or** have a parent or grandparent enrolled with the Ho-Chunk Nation
- a. Exception to this rule would be for those Centers that are receiving Federal funds to provide services to all Native American youth i.e. BRF & La Crosse receive Title VII funding to provide services to the Native students in those school districts.
5. Participants must have parental/guardian consent with their signature on all required documents on file prior to participant attending any event sponsored by Youth Services.

Joy Littlejohn	Center Director	715.421.9084
Kathleen Roberts	Teacher	715.323.2734
Scott Dye	Youth Coordinator	715.323.3517
John Dick	Home School Coordinator	715.323.3516
Dawn M. Thoms	Youth Coordinator	715.886.5128

### House Wanted

I am looking to purchase a pre-existing tribal home on trust land. Property and structure must pass all HOP inspection criteria. Interested parties may email at [arhstonewall@gmail.com](mailto:arhstonewall@gmail.com) or phone 406-787-6323 (please leave a message).

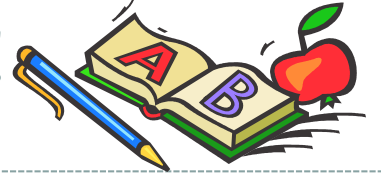
### Wanted

**Black Ash splits** for pack basket, coming to bring Nani home from the Pacific Northwest. Will buy or trade items from here (Pacific NW). Coming soon!

Jim Linwood  
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1-541-759-3542



## School Community Relations Division Welcomes Back Our Students to the 2013-2014 School Year!



School Community Relations Division would like to wish all our students the best of luck in this upcoming school year.

**Reminder** to the parents to submit their applications for their students to the Pre K-12 Grant Program.

**\*\*Please remember we are also collecting your input on the Pre K-12 Program for the upcoming revisions to the policy.**

**We have mailed out questionnaires, but if you have not received one yet please contact us. Your opinion matters, please fill one out today.**

School Community Relations Division  
P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615  
Phone: (800) 362-4476 OR (715) 284-4915  
Fax (715) 284-1760

Pre K-12 Grant Program covers **reimbursement** for School Supplies and Public School Fees. We also have many grant opportunities for our student throughout the year.

Please contact us for more information on the Pre K-12 Grant Program.

Students last names starting with:

A-F: Chavo Stumblingbear Ext. 1054

G-N: Jackie Gunderson Ext. 1149

O-Z: Melissa Lowe Ext. 1177 & Brook Funmaker Ext. 1201

## Johnson O'Malley Program



JOM Program Welcomes back all students and wishes much success to all students this year.

For information on registering for the Johnson O'Malley Program please contact the Department of Education: School-Community Relations Division.

**Open Enrollment for the JOM Program closes September 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. Ask us how to register.**

School Community Relations Division  
P.O. Box 667  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
(800) 362-4476 OR (715) 284-4915 Phone  
FAX (715) 284-1760

### JOM Parent Committees and Staff:

Chavo Stumblingbear:

- Baraboo/Reedsburg/Portage
- Wisconsin Dells/Mauston/Adams-Friendship
- Madison (Dane County)
- Pittsville/Port Edwards/Nekoosa

### Brook Funmaker:

- Black River Falls/Neillsville
- Stevens Point
- Wittenberg

### Melissa Lowe:

- La Crosse
- Osseo-Fairchild/Augusta/Eau Claire

### Jackie Gunderson

- Tomah/Sparta
- Wisconsin Rapids



# City of Monona celebrates 75th year with a tribute to Ho-Chunk

Sherman Funmaker  
Staff Writer

The City of Monona was first incorporated as a village on Sept. 1, 1938, and this year is the city’s 75th anniversary.

Dane County Historical Society and the City of Monona partnered to install a historic plaque near Monona Motors, which was originally Ernie’s Trading Post – the site where the discussions of secession first began.

What the plaque read:  
Lake Monona and the



Joe Whiteeagle emceed the Ho-Chunk portion of the day’s event.

Yahara River were popular campsites for the early inhabitants. Native American, mainly the Ho-Chunk settled near these clean waters for access to food, farming and transportation. At least ten effigy mounds from these early natives remain in Monona. Incorporation as a village in 1938 changed the landscape from farms and lakeside cottages to include permanent homes and local businesses. The 1950’s saw a surge in home building as the scattered landscape filled in and became a community. Eventually an increase of population led to a need for expanded facilities and services including police and fire protection, and street maintenance. As a result the Monona was chartered as a city in 1969. With and idyllic setting and a civic minded population, Monona from early days has met its responsibility as an emerging city.

Incorporation papers were signed at Ernie’s Trading Post on Sept. 1, 1938 after a referendum vote to secede passed on Aug. 29. The village was chartered as a city in 1969 due to expansion of services and population.

The city held a dedication ceremony on Sept. 1, at noon, at Monona Motors and also a celebration at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center in Monona on that afternoon.

With a rich background of Ho-Chunk history there, the City of Monona invited members of the Ho-Chunk Nation to come and be a part of the celebration.

The events emcee was Joe WhiteEagle along with the Thundercloud Singer drum group and several dancers that out on a demonstration for the 200 people that showed up for the day’s event.

Ho-Chunk elder Walter Whitehorse talked about how his and other Ho-Chunk families came down here to the area to spend the summers.

“Different families would come down from up north to spend the summers here. We would come down from Wittenberg and other families would come too to spend the summers. The Funmakers, the Decorah’s and a bunch of other families were here. We would come here but we didn’t have a permanent home until about 1932. There was a 40 acre marsh over there by Menards where we lived. We were here before this became Monona. They would tell us to vote to be in Monona, so we joined up with the city. There were no jobs back then so we would set up and sell baskets to make money. The sales were really after the football game because there were people all over the place. We used to camp here back then. Big Thunder was here after he got out of the service and he bought a house, him and Flora WhiteEagle, and we all would pile into that two-story house because we didn’t have a place to stay. We were sleeping on the floors and everything” he remembered.

The city celebrated with food vendors, demonstrations and live music in the Leopold Nature Center.



Dancers David Greendeer, son Julian, Joe Whiteeagle Jr., Mya Whiteeagle and Anyssa Greendeer.



Walter and Harry Whitehorse were honored at Monona’s 75th anniversary.



Thundercloud Singers provided the music.




## 17th Annual Littlejohn Memorial Golf Tournament

**Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013**  
at Drugan’s Castle Mound Golf Course  
W7665 Sylvester Road, Holmen, WI 54636  
Email: [golf@drugans.com](mailto:golf@drugans.com) • (608) 526-4144

**Entry fee: \$55.00**  
(Includes – green fees, cart, skins, and awards banquet)Format: 4 person scramble, luck of the draw

Registration: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
Shotgun start: 10:00 a.m.



## Happy Birthday Sweet 16

9-19-97

### -Princess-

Love Dad, Tasha,  
Moses Patric,  
Sara Ann  
Kristie Ashley Ann  
& Lamont Wesley

## ATTENTION ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

Due to business decisions regarding the Ho-Chunk Nation’s (HCN) account balances, the HCN will be transferring all HCN accounts from the Jackson County Bank to BMO Harris Bank.



### Important information regarding HCN checks

- Coming soon, if you cash your check at the Jackson County Bank and do not have an account there you will be charged a 3% fee for cashing your payroll or per-capita checks.
- There is not a BMO Harris Bank located in Black River Falls. However there is a BMO Harris location within 20 miles of all Ho-Chunk Nation Facilities, C-stores and Branch Offices.
- Ho-Chunk Gaming - Black River Falls currently does not charge a fee to cash payroll checks.
- BMO Harris Bank will not cash checks greater than \$3,000.

**BMO Harris Bank**

For more information on BMO Harris Bank, visit them online at: [www.bmoharris.com](http://www.bmoharris.com)